Rom. 10:10 With the heart man believeth unto righteousness.

INTRO. Our neglect of Bible study is causing us to lose our grip upon the word "heart" as used in the Bible. The popular psychology of the word denotes our emotions and affections as discinguished from the head which stands for the seat of reason and thinking--the mind.

In Bible times they did not know so much about the brain and nervous system as the organ of thinking and seat of the mind, like we do today. They looked upon the heart as the seat of life, the organ which distributed the life-fluid, the blood. And so by easy transition "heart" came to signify the seat of man's collective energies, the focus of his personal life.

In the Bible the heart signifies the entire mental and moral and spiritual activities of man. Conscience, mind, soul and spirit are included in its significance.

When the Bible speaks of creating in us a ne new heart, it does not mean a change of personalit but that new principles of action are set up.

I. According to St. Paul faith in Christ means believing in him with one's whole heart, mind and soul, surrendering one's whole self to him. The same with believing in God.

A prominent N.Y. lawyer once asked a noted preacher of the same city if he believed in the resurrection of Christ from the dead. The preacher~~s~~ did believe it and gave to the lawyer his evidence for such belief. After examining the evidence a few days the lawyer returned and said: "I am convinced that Jesus really did rise from the dead, but I'm no neared being a Xn than I was before. I thot the difference was with my head. I find that is really with my heart."

His response was purely intellectual, and not being a response of the heart and soul, of his entire moral and spiritual and personal self, he was not a changed man.

But when one does believe in Jesus with the heart he is a changed man.

II. How are we Xns any different from the Jews who set up a righteousness of their own in disobedience to the righteousness of God?

1. We Xns believe that God is love and that Jesus revealed God's love to us fully and himself lived it in every way and thruout every day of his life. We believe that we should love God with all our hearts and minds and souls and strength and our neighbors as ourselves?

Well, we think that love is a suitable thing in the home and among friends, but how about love in the world of business and politics? How about love among the nations and races of peoples?

Please bear in mind that the N.T. word "love" 2. means more than the sentiment of affection, it means moral rectitude, a sense of justice and right treatment.

2. Consider one phase of the present situation. Long ago men in industry and commerce slipped into the competitive method of doing business. Not in brotherhood, but in competition.

The small competitions have grown into larger ones. Now there are great impersonal trusts with millions behind them, and in their rivalries they involve whole nations.

The greatness and power of certain nations have been built upon just this unloving system with the result that we have hatreds and wars.

If I read the signs of the times aright, I would say that all unloving systems are dying out. Not that they are being overthrown by people with consciences, but all such unloving systems ultimately bring upon themselves their own destruction because they are at variance with the righteousness of God.

Unless the competitive systems become cooperative and unless the competitive nations become cooperative, modern civilization is doomed.

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